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FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, EAID, CB

SUBJECT: RICE SITUATION

REF: PHNOM PENH 7319

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A PROJECTION OF THE RICE SITUATION IN
PHNOM PENH COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 19 THROUGH JULY 29,
1973.

	7/19	7/20	7/21	7/22
BEGINNING STOCK	17,328.1	16,752.3	16,286.4	21,526.4
ROUTE 4	-	-	3,290	-
ROUTE 5	-	-	2,500	-
MEKONG	-	-	-	2,310
TOTAL AVAILABLE	17,328.1	16,752.3	22,076.4	23,836.4
LESS DISTRIBUTION	528.3	435.7	550	550

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BALANCE	16,799.8	16,316.6	21,526.4	23,286.4
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ADJUSTMENT (REBAGGING

WET RICE ETC.) 47.5 30.2
 BALANCE 16,752.3 16,286.4

	7/23	7/24	7/25	7/26
BEGINNING STOCK	23,286.4	22,736.4	22,186.4	24,136.4
ROUTE 4	-	-	-	-
ROUTE 5	-	-	2,500	-
MEKONG	-	-	-	-
TOTAL AVAILABLE	23,286.4	22,736.4	24,686.4	24,136.4
LESS DISTRIBUTION	550	550	550	550
BALANCE	22,736.4	22,186.4	24,136.4	23,586.4

	7/27	7/28	7/29
BEGINNING STOCK	23,586.4	23,036.4	22,486.4
ROUTE 4	-	-	-
ROUTE 5	-	-	-
MEKONG	-	-	-
TOTAL AVAILABLE	22,586.4	23,036.4	22,486.4
LESS DISTRIBUTION	550	550	550
BALANCE	23,036.4	22,486.4	21,936.4 - 39.8 DAYS

(ROUNDED)

- 1) IN THE EVENT ROUTE 5 IS CLOSED: 19,436.4 AT 550/DAYS-35.3 DAYS
- 2) IN THE EVENT THE MEKONG IS CLOSED: 19,626.4 AT 550/DAY-35.7 DAYS
- 3) IN THE EVENT ROUTE 5 AND THE MEKONG ARE CLOSED: 17,126.4 AT 550/DAY-31.1 DAYS
- 4) IN THE EVENT ROUTE 5, AND THE MEKONG ARE CLOSED AT 600/DAY: 16,676.4 AT 600/DAY-27.7 DAYS

2. RICE AIRLIFTS

DOMESTIC AIRLINES' PERFORMANCE IN THE LAST TWO DAYS WAS AS FOLLOWS BY NUMBER OF SORTIES AND METRIC TONS:

	KOMPONG THOM	SVAY RIENG	KOMPONG CHAM
JULY 19	3-8.0	4-12.0	NONE
JULY 20	6-16.2	5-15.0	NONE

ALTHOUGH NO RICE WAS DELIVERED TO KG-CHAM WHILE THE RUNWAY WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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UNDERGOING REPAIRS, THE RICE SITUATION AT THAT LOCATION IS NOT CRITICAL GIVEN THE FACT THAT 303.7 MT HAVE BEEN AIRLIFTED BETWEEN JULY 11 AND 18. REPAIRS ARE NOW COMPLETED. BOTH THE GKR AND USAF WILL RESUME FLIGHTS OUT OF PHNOM PENH ON JULY 22. HOPEFULLY NEXT WEEK THE GKR WILL BE ABLE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DAILY SORTIES IN ORDER TO DELIVER APPROXIMATELY 228 MT PER WEEK. AT KG-THOM ON JULY 19, DOMESTIC AIRCRAFT TOOK ON A LOAD OF DRIED FISH DESTINED FOR PHNOM PENH. THE AIR AMERICA AIRLIFT FROM SAIGON TO

SVAY RIENG GOT UNDERWAY JULY 20 WITH 11 SORTIES BY C-123'S FOR A TOTAL OF 59.3 MT. COORDINATION BETWEEN ALL PARTIES CONCERNED WAS EXCELLENT. USAID/SAIGON HAS SCHEDULED 12 SORTIES FOR JULY 21, AND 6 FOR JULY 22. PRESENT PLANS ARE TO AIRLAND AS MUCH RICE AS POSSIBLE WHILE WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE. IT IS FEARED THAT LATER ON WHEN THE RAINS BECOME HEAVIER, THE RUNWAY SHOULDERS MIGHT BECOME TOO SOFT FOR C-123'S LANDINGS. AT TODAY'S MEETING OF THE GKR RICE COMMITTEE, IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE MILITARY COMMAND AT SVAY RIENG HAS TAKEN CUSTODY OF ALL THE RICE DELIVERED BY AIR AMERICA YESTERDAY, ALTHOUGH CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TO EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF THE DUAL AIRLIFT. THE GOVERNOR OF SVAY RIENG HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING OF THE RICE COMMITTEE ON JULY 23, IN ORDER TO PREVENT ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICT BETWEEN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES IN THAT PROVINCE OVER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RICE SECURITY STOCK FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

3. RICE PRICES

OPEN MARKET PRICE FOR RICE 1/15, RICE 1/25, AND BROKENS 3/4 PURCHASED IN UNITS OF 15 KG. OR MORE DECREASED SLIGHTLY. RICE 1/50, BROKENS 1/2, AND BROKENS 3/4 WERE NOT AVAILABLE IN QUANTITIES IN EXCESS OF 15 KG.

7/21/73

RICE	1 KG.	15 KG.	100 KG.	GKR 100 KG
1/15	80	1,130	7,100	5,700
1/25	75	1,050	6,400	5,500
1/50	65	900	N.A.	N.A.
BROKENS				
1/2	70	1,000	N.A.	3,700
BROKENS				
3/4	50	850	N.A.	2,500

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4. RICE DISTRIBUTION

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NCIGPB#CONTINUES WITHIN THE 550 MT PER DAY LIMIT.

5. ROUTE J K E#ROUTE REMAINS 83, AND A RICE CONVOY IS SCHEDULED

TO ARRIVE IN

PHNOM PENH TODAY JULY 21, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT
REPORTS FROM BATTAMBANG INDICATE A SHORTAGE OF FUEL. APPARENTLY
THE SHORTAGE IS DUE TO THE REFUSAL OF THAI POL SUPPLIERS TO MAIN-
TAIN DELIVERIES IN THE FACT OF THE ALLEGED RTG'S FREEZE ON PRICES
IN THE WAKE OF THE REVALUATION OF THE BAHT. THE CONVOY IS
REPORTED BY THE RICE COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE 122 TRUCKS AND 35
TRAILERS. HOWEVER, THE BATTAMBANG PROVINCE CHIEF HAS APPARENTLY
COUNTERMANDED SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY MINISTRY OF
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INTERIOR TO LOAD ONLY RICE, AND HAS ALLOWED 10 0/0 OF THE TRUCKS
TO CARRY MIXED CARGO. THE RICE COMMITTEE IS OBVIOUSLY UPSET
BY THIS MATTER, AND HAS DISCUSSED IT AT LENGTH AT TODAY'S
MEETING. THE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED THAT THAPPANA NGI NB

MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PRESIDENT OF THE MIXED ECONOMIC COM-
MITTEE, SHOULD CONTACT THE BATTAMBNAG PROVINCE CHIEF TO CORRECT
THIS SITUATION AND PREVENT IT FROM REOCCURING. THAPPANA NGIN WILL
ALSO BE ASKED TO TAKE CORRECTIVE MEASURES TO PREVENT

TRUCKS CARRYING MIXED GOODS FROM JOINING THE CONVOY ILLEGALLY OUTSIDE OF BATTAMBANG.

6. ROUTE 4.

THIS ROUTE ALSO REMAINS OPEN. THE TWO SPECIAL CONVOYS ORGANIZED TO CARRY THE RICE UNLOADED FROM THE HOEGH PILOT TO PHNOM PENH WERE COMBINED FOR A TOTAL OF 346 TRUCKS AND 236 TRAILERS AND WILL ARRIVE ON JULY 21 WITH 3,290 MT. IN CONTRAST TO THE SITUATION IN BATTAMBANG, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT KOMPONG SOM AUTHORITIES HAVE FORCED SOME TRUCKERS TO UNLOAD MIXED CARGOS TO MAKE ROOM FOR RICE, PROBABLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER FROM THAPPAN NGIN, MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

7. MEKONG CONVOY

IN ADDITION TO THE SPECIAL CONVOY DUE IN PHNOM PENH JULY 22 WITH APPROXIMATELY 2,310 MT, THE NEXT REGULAR CONVOY IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ON AUGUST 3 WITH APPROXIMATELY 4,100 MT OF WHICH 600 MT WILL BE THAI RICE AND 3,500 MT WILL REPRESENT THE FINAL BALANCE OF THE 20,000 MT OF VIETNAMESE RICE AFTER DEDUCTING THE 1,700 MT LEFT IN SAIGON FOR THE AIR AMERICA AIRLIFT TO SVAY RIENG.

8. THAI RICE

THE PURCHASE OF AN ADDITIONAL 5-10,000 MT OF THAI BROKENS HAS HAD A TENDENCY TO FALL BETWEEN THE CRACKS BECAUSE OF CUMBERSOME GKR PROCEDURES. TO SURMOUNT THESE DIFFICULTIES, AMBASSADOR SWANK YESTERDAY, JULY 20, IN A NOTE TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ASKED HIM TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE THE VISIT OF LY KIM HENG TO BANGKOK TO NEGOTIATE THE PURCHASE. FUNCTIONNAIRES IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAVE BEEN DRAGGING THEIR FEET

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ON CONTACTING THE RTG TO ARRANGE FOR THIS VISIT BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT IT WAS ANOTHER "BOONDOGGLE" FOR LY KIM HENG. HOPEFULLY, OUR NOTE WILL SET THE MINISTRY STRAIGHT.

SWANK

NOTE BY OC/T: PHNOM PENH 7418 SECTION 2 OF 2 AS RECEIVED.
CORRECTION TO FOLLOW.

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